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AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK IN ROMANIA

GRAIN CUTTING -- Scanteia, No 1201, 19 Aug 48

The grain harvest has been completed in 54 julets; only the julets of C. Lung, Giue, Nassand, and Oderhei have not been finished. A total of 1,272,000 hectares have been reaped; 530,383 hectares have been plowed. It is planned to sow 2,700,000 hectares in fall wheat.

FALL HARVESTS -- Scanteia, No 1249, 14 Oct 48

The Minister of Agriculture gives the following figures for the harvest up to 10 October: corn 2,626,099 hectares; sunflowers, 336,560 hectares; potatoes, 136,300 hectares; grapes, 39,239 hectares; sugar beets, 25,250 hectares. In respect to the fall sowing the Pagaras, Cinc, and Neamt Judets have the best records.

FALL PLANTING -- Scanteia, No 1250, 15 Oct 48

In Fagaras Judet, 9,775 hectares had been planted of the planned 18,600 or 54.3 percent by 10 October; in Neamt Judet, 45.1 percent of planned acreage had been sown by 10 October; in Braila Judet, up to 10 October, 6,648 hectares (14.6 percent of plan), but in the next 2 days the area sown reached 11,765 hectares (25.9 percent); in Bihor Judet, up to 10 October, 16,467 hectares had been sown in wheat (13.6 percent of plan), but on 12 October this had been increased to 25,227 hectares (20.8 percent); in Bala, Valceez, and Roman Judets the rate of sowing has been stepped up. In Goran Judet, of the 38,700 hectares which were to be planted, only 23 had been sown in wheat by 10 October; in Arad Judet, up to 10 October, 691 hectares (0.5 percent of plan) had been sown, but by 12 October this had reached 3,560 hectares (1.5 percent); Buzan Judet had realized only 3.1 percent of the plan, and Timis-Torontal had sown only 6,572 hectares (2.7 percent of plan) of the 835,250 hectares which must be sown to fulfill the plan.

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FALL SOWING IN VARIOUS JUDETS -- Scanteia, No 1248, 13 Oct 48

Statistics as of 10 October for the fall sowing in various judets: Fagaras, 9,775 hectares of the planned 18,000 or 54.3 percent of plan; Neamt, 5,537 hectares of the planned 12,200 or 45.1 percent; Satu-Mare, 17,930 hectares of a planned 56,300 or 31.5 percent; Caras, 23 hectares of the planned 32,700; Tulcea, 168 hectares of the planned 55,250 or 0.4 percent; Gorj, 0.3 percent of the plan; Timis-Torontal, 4,345 hectares of the planned 234,250 or 1.8 percent; Arad, less even than Gorj.

PLOWING IN THE IASI JUDET -- Scanteia, No 1249, 14 Oct 48

Up to the present time, 12,500 hectares have been plowed and 6,400 hectares of a planned 40,000 hectares have been planted. The harvesting and transporting of the corn crop has been about 80 percent realized; 13,000 teams and 80 tractors have been used.

SOWING IN RECEA-CRISTURI COMMUNE -- Scanteia, No 1247, 12 Oct 48

The farmers of the towns of Recea-Cristuri, Capricara, and Micu, of the Recea-Cristuri Commune in the Someș Judet, have completed sowing of the planned 540 hectares; 460 hectares have been planted with wheat and 80 hectares with rye.

FALL PLANTING -- Scanteia, No 1253, 19 Oct 48

The following judets have completed at least 60 percent of the planned fall planting: Campulung, Neamt, Brasov, Fagaras, Baia, Ciuc, Salaj, Tr. Mare, Sibiu, Valcea, Tr. Mica, Someș, Roman, Alba, and Bihor. The judets in which 10 percent or less of the planned planting has been accomplished are: Dolj, Buzau, Tecuci, Arad, Timis, Tutova, Severin, Tulcea, and Caras.

FALL SOWING -- Scanteia, No 1256, 22 Oct 48

The schedule of fall planting has been followed better this week, 11 - 17 October, than during the previous week. The best results have been shown by the following judets: Brasov, 104 percent; Neamt, 81 percent; Fagaras, 77 percent; and Ciuc, 75 percent. The judets in which greater effort must be exerted are: Caras, Arad, Tulcea, Severin, and Timis.

FALL PLANTING COMPLETED -- Scanteia, No 1278, 17 Nov 48

The total area which had been planted up to 7 November 1948 was 2,956,000 hectares, which was 28,000 hectares over the planned 2,928,000.

FALL PLANTING -- Scanteia, No 1264, 31 Oct 48

Up to 28 October 1948, 2,402,695 hectares in all have been sown; this represents 82 percent of the planned 2,928,000 hectares. Twelve judets have completed the fall planting: Salaj, Someș, Bihor, C. Lung, Baia, Neamt, Ciuc, Putna, Vrancea, Alba, Tr. Mica, Tr. Mare, Fagaras, Brasov, Sibiu, Gorj, Valcea, Muscel, Arges, and Dambovitza.

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FALL SOWING -- Scanteia, No 1266, 3 Nov 48

Up to 30 October 1948, 2,698,208 hectares in all had been planted. This amounts to 92.15 percent of the planned fall sowing, and leaves 229,792 hectares yet to be planted.

FALL PLANTING -- Scanteia, No 1259, 26 Oct 48

Up to 23 October, 1,848,073 hectares had been planted. This represents 63.11 percent of the total area to be sown in Rumania, leaving 1,079,927 hectares yet to be planted.

NEW TYPE HARVESTER -- Scanteia, No 1197, 14 Aug 48

Twelve new "30 December" harvesters have been made by the workers and technicians of the D. Voinea plant in Brasov. These are the first machines of this type ever to be made in Rumania. The perfection of the machine was carried out despite great difficulties in procuring suitable material; actually the old, rusty harvesters that were on the grounds about the plant were used as a basis for this new type. The "30 December" embodies a decided simplification of the driving belt, and the various operations can be controlled by a single lever. These machines, which are cheap, durable, and easy to manage, will be a godsend to farmers.

AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY CENTERS -- Scanteia, No 1273, 11 Nov 48

In Someș Județ, 13 agricultural machinery centers have been established in the following important communes: Reteag, Ulpret, Esen, Meandru Galan, Catean, Mîntîul Gheriei, Iolod, Ciceu Mihăești, Chiochis, Beclean, Garbou, and Sîntereag. The equipment at each center consists of three or four plows, five or six harrows, three corn shellers, and three winnowing machines.

AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY STATION IN ROMAN -- Scanteia, No 1279, 18 Nov 48

The city of Roman will start work on an agricultural machinery station on 1 December 1948. Two storage sheds of brick and cement will be built for the tractors, and the wooden sheds which are now being used for threshers will be replaced by permanent buildings in the spring of 1949. A garage and workshop for tractors and other agricultural machinery will be built.

CONSTRUCTION OF AN IRRIGATION CANAL -- Scanteia, No 1207, 26 Aug 48

The Minister of the Interior has allocated 20 million lei for the construction of an irrigation canal in the vicinity of Salonta; 30 million lei will be allocated for work on the Oradea Mare Canal. The canal at Salonta will be used to make 15,000 jugari of former saline land arable. This will be a great aid to the rice growers of the region.

RECLAMATION OF LAND IN TULCEA JUDEȚ -- Scanteia, No 1273, 18 Nov 48

In the course of 4 months, the workers at the "Sixth of March" Camp in Tulcea Județ performed 155,728 hours of work which included building a dike 4,560 meters long. This dike, together with one which was repaired, effected the reclamation of 2,590 hectares of land. At the time of its formation, the camp had 180 youths, but by the end of the first month the enrollment had increased to 230. The camp operated a school and 58 of the enrolled 86 illiterates learned to read and write.

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NEW DIKES ALONG THE DANUBE -- Scanteia, No 1230, 22 Sep 48

By building 14 kilometers of dikes at Pecineaga-Turcoasia in Tulcea Judet, 4,500 hectares of land will become available for agriculture. The work is to be completed by 15 November. Equipment includes four draglines, two caterpillars, a grader, and a bulldozer.

DIKE ALONG THE DANUBE RIVER -- Scanteia, No 1197, 14 Aug 48

A 5-kilometer dike, which will protect 500 hectares of farm land from inundation, has been built on the Danube River at Bechet (Dolj Judet) by 1600 volunteers, including women.

FISCAL REGULATIONS FOR THE COLLECTORS OF CEREALS -- Scanteia, No 1198, 15 Aug 48

In connection with the fiscal regulations governing the collection of cereals, the Minister of Finance has circulated these directives:

Certificates given to the farmers as proof of quantities of cereals delivered, and the agreed price, will bear the same excise tax as though they were receipts.

At collecting stations, the excise tax will never be greater than 10 percent.

Regarding the sales of wheat and rye made to "Romcereal," the Minister of Finance has decreed that these sales will be subject to a tax of 6 percent instead of 14 percent, if the transaction was closed on order or if not.

For seeds and oil cake collected by "Romcereal" upon orders from the Department of Vegetable Oils, the factories of oil from seeds and oil cake are to pay a single tax proportional to the sales price of the respective merchandise upon retransmission.

GRAIN COLLECTING -- Scanteia, No 1200, 18 Aug 48

Eleven communes of Dolj Judet have completed harvests and have fulfilled the planned collection. These communes are: Jugulesti, Boureni, Prissac, Goiana, Pissul Nou, Tumanii Nou, Craiova, Romanesti, Perisorul Nou, and two others. Up to 17 August, 70 percent of the planned collection of wheat had been completed.

IMPROVEMENT OF LIVESTOCK -- Scanteia, No 1273, 11 Nov 48

During October, 20 Swiss bulls and 47 red bulls were purchased by the Zootechnical Service of Buzau Judet and distributed to the breeding stations of the judet. Thirty Mangalita boars were acquired and sent to the stud farms of the hilly regions. A station for artificial insemination of sheep was established in each of the Gura-Teghii, Movila Oii, and Gura-Dimienii Communes. Stables were built in ten communes from the funds allotted by the Minister of Agriculture.

IMPROVEMENT OF LIVESTOCK IN DOLJ JUDET -- Scanteia, No 1232, 24 Sep 48

Eight of the planned 26 breeding stations for Dolj Judet have been constructed. It is planned to bring 45 Siementhal breeding bulls (worth 2 million lei) from the Salaj Judet and to import 3,000 curly-fleeced rams to be used for crossbreeding with the common long-fleeced sheep. The curly-fleeced sheep produce two to three times as much wool as the other breed.

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Communal breeding stations, poultry hatcheries, and pig-fattening farms are being started in Iasi Judet. The Minister of Agriculture has made available one million lei for the purchase of 27 Siementhal breeding bulls, to be distributed throughout the communes of the judet.

IMPROVEMENT OF LIVESTOCK IN MUSCEL JUDET --- Scanteia, No 1279, 18 Nov 48

The Department of Agriculture of Muscel Judet has bought bred cattle, repaired 36 communal stables, and is building seven new stables. Purchases include 21 bulls of the Swiss breed, bought within Muscel Judet, 61 bulls bought in Maramures Judet, and 27 yearling bulls imported directly from Switzerland. These yearlings and 19 of the bulls bought in Maramures Judet will be wintered on the State Farm, "Arsenescu." In the spring, they will be distributed throughout the judet.

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